

County of San Diego Sweetwater Community Planning Group

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday December 7, 2010 7:00PM

Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Station 4900 Bonita Road, Bonita, CA 91902

Administrative Items

Roll: Don and Georjean Jensen, John and Harriet Taylor, Steve and Liz Stonehouse, Rick Blacklock, Don Scovel, Doc Stokos, Uwe Werner, Karen Henry, Mark Kukuchek, Sheri Todus and Alan Sachrison. Absent: Muriel Watson

Item #1: Minutes accepted by motion from Rick, seconded by Uwe. Mark and Sheri abstained. 11 Voted aye

Item #2: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Planning Group on any subject within Planning Group's purview but not on the agenda. Presentations are limited to three minutes and no action can be taken.

Item #3: Report from Michael De La Rosa from Supervisor Cox's office. The Board of Supervisors are revisiting the County General Plan again.

Action Items:

Item #4: Board of supervisors needs a letter accepting the Dave Phair Bridge. The Water Authority has not done anything about the gate. This from Uwe. Uwe motioned: Accept the name of the Equestrian bridge across the Sweetwater River by Sunnyside Stock Farm as the Dave Phair Bridge. Doc seconded. Unanimous

Item #5: There is a "ranch" which has five code enforcement violations. It's near San Miguel Road and Procter Valley Road. Among the violations are: running a breeding stud farm on one-half acre; breeding stock in the open; and having eight to ten horses without a special use permit for a residential area. The warnings came on 6/16 and 7/9. The consensus was that the County should show sensitivity to horse issues in the Sweetwater area because of the uniqueness of the area, and show sensitivity to small ranches here. Code Enforcement has had issues in the Tijuana River Valley and in San Diego City with manure control violations.

Sweetwater is unique in these issues where the umbrella policy would work elsewhere, it would not work here. The answer may be to write to the County stating our concerns and putting comments in writing stating our issues. To press the issue of an ordinance of land use and property size which would not effect existing uses.

Item #5: There was a meeting with Planning Groups and Equestrians November 5th at DPLU. Carol Stiehl listened to the concerns and agreed to look into it. Liz made a motion to table until more information was collected. Rick seconded. Unanimous.

The home on San Miguel has shown no improvement. The building has a flat roof and the permit has been pulled. Rick moved to approve. Liz seconded. Unanimous.

Mark, Harriet, and Uwe agreed to attend the meeting in Julian on Horse Policy Ordinance Development.

As a matter of note, there is Education and Outreach on how to Compost Manure from Marsha Cook. A DVD is available. This can be added to the SVCA website.

Send emails to clerk of the Board tonight. Rick Hall.

Item #7: There was a Park Workshop Dec 1. It really didn't have an impact on us.

- B. Willow Street Bridge Update: The vegetation is starting to be trimmed. The loop trail should be discussed as major closures are addressed. Easements will be impacted by project. Sweetwater offsite mitigation should be addressed in the initial study.
- C. Proctor Valley Road. Supervisors have allocated the money for the EIR if grant not awarded. CV Piggybacked onto this as they don't want to redo the work. Negative declaration and mitigation for one traffic trip are due.
- D. Loop trail is being worked on by Sunnyside Stock Farm and Quarry Road to the dam. We need to let the community know what's going on. DPW executed the contract and is repairing the trail to the bridge.

Georjean mentioned that she counted 31 cars stopped at San Miguel Road light at Bonita Road. If a stop sign is put in at Conduit, the situation will be much worse. Harriet: New Covenant is up for sale. Now they have reapplied for a permit. Meeting adjourned 7:50 PM. Next meeting: January 4, 2011 7PM, Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Station.

Respectfully submitted
Liz Stonehouse, Secretary.

